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PATENT APPLICATION

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: Group Art Unit: 2132
Application No.: 09/222,846)
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Filed: December 30, 1998)
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For: IMAGE INPUT APPARATUS,)
IMAGE INPUT METHOD, :
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND)
ENCRYPTION PROCESSING :
PROGRAM STORED IN)
COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM : December 12, 2001

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,392,351
U.S. Patent No. 5,606,613
U.S. Patent No. 5,633,932
U.S. Patent No. 5,720,012
U.S. Patent No. 5,752,697
U.S. Patent No. 5,903,646
U.S. Patent No. 5,933,498
U.S. Patent No. 5,933,501
U.S. Patent No. 5,948,881

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Dannenberg, Roger B., et al., "A Butler Process for Resource Sharing on Spice Machines", ACM Transactions on Office Information Systems, Vol. 3, No. 3, pp. 234-252, July 1985

Applicant also respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the following

U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for the foregoing U.S. Application is enclosed.

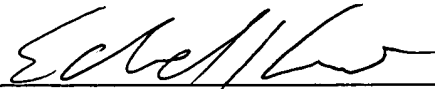
The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action, a Notice Of Allowance or an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the same to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,

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